

During the ACA Conference in Chicago, Chaplain Stephen Hall was elected to a two year term as First Vice-President of the American Correctional Chaplains Association.

Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) offenders and staff participated in a Community Arts & Science project creating over 230 pieces for the "Hyperbolic Crochet Coral Reef". IWP is proud to have a satellite reef on display at the Indiana Museum of Art during the months of September and October 2010. (see photo below)



Pendleton Juvenile held their Second Annual Golf Scramble. 16 Teams played and \$1,000 was generated and donated to Women's Alternatives, Center for Victim Services in Anderson, IN.

Wabash Valley staff have been generously donating back to school supplies for area elementary children in need. The WVCF Employee Appreciation Committee Backpack Campaign will deliver the goods to organizations in Vigo, Knox and Greene Counties.

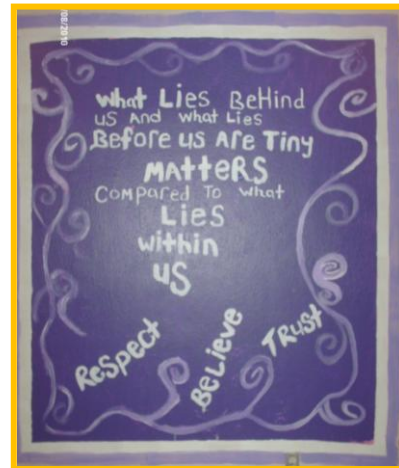
The DOC Central Office Softball Team was very gracious to the visiting Department of Workforce Development team. DOC only ran the score up to 12-2 before letting up on them. The crowd gave the team a crowd wave at least twice during the game. Thank you to all who came out to support!!

The Indiana Women's Prison held a birthday party for baby Angeline. Members of the General Assembly and the Legislative POWER group attended. This is the first time a baby turns one on the Wee One's Nursery unit.

Pendleton Correctional Facility Recreation Leader Greg Grzesk retired on August 6th. Mr. Grzesk was presented with a plaque in recognition of his 29 years of dedicated service to the Indiana Department of Correction.

The Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility held a Family Day Ceremony for PLUS students. 31 family members participated in the event which included a Narcotics Anonymous Meeting, Religious Service, Family Counseling and a Cookout. The event assisted in opening lines of communication and provided activities that promote family reunification.

Art students from Ms. Long's art class at Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility completed murals in Unit 5 to make their surroundings more uplifting. (see photo right)



Pendleton Juvenile had several students help the city of Anderson set up for Black Expo and work on a Habitat House for the Restorative Justice part of their program.

The Westville Correctional Facility (WCC) has donated \$1000 to the Special Olympics and \$600 to the DOC's Wee-Ones program with proceeds from the facility's offender food sale. Offenders at WCC bought \$23,000 worth of chicken and side orders from the local KFC restaurant.

The Family Education Department at Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility hosted a Prevention Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP) weekend for 12 residents and their spouses or significant others. PREP focuses on strengthening and maintaining healthy relationships during and after incarceration.

Effective July 1, 2010 completion of the PLUS program makes an offender eligible for six months of earned credit time. IDOC Religious and Volunteer Services has verified completion of PLUS for 229 IDOC offenders with EPRDs through June 2011 and submitted their names to classification for processing. Another 1200 graduates with further EPRDs are being verified.

The Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility PLUS unit donated several pounds of produce from its garden to the Emmaus Mission Center. The produce was grown on the facility grounds as part of its community outreach projects.



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